

[Note to the Public: The E/M adjustment factors proposed below are the ratios that were determined by the Lewin Group through the Practice Expense study. The ratios reflect the increased physician work and practice expense that are involved in providing Evaluation and Management services to workers' compensation patients. The table below is an excerpt of the Lewin Group's table in the Practice Expense Study. Lewin's draft studies can be found on the Industrial Medical Council's website at: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/IMC/imchp.html> .

The proposal is to compensate physicians for the additional work involved in workers' compensation E/M services by applying the adjustment factors to the RVUs established by CMS. Some members of the public have feared that increase in E/M reimbursement would lower other relative values. However, under the current proposal the E/M adjustment factor would NOT reduce the value of other services.]

§ 9788.11 Evaluation and Management Practice Expense Adjustment Factors

The following practice expense adjustment factors are used to calculate the E/M maximum reasonable fee under the formula set forth in Section 9788.5.

CPT Codes	Descriptor	Practice Expense Adjustment Factor
	OFFICE VISIT - NEW	
99201	Office/outpatient visit, new, presenting problems are self-limited/minor.	1.40
99202	Office/outpatient visit, new, presenting problems of low to moderate severity.	1.33
99203	Office/outpatient visit, new, presenting problems of moderate severity.	1.30
99204	Office/outpatient visit, new, presenting problems of moderate to high severity.	1.28
99205	Office/outpatient visit, new, presenting problems of moderate to high severity.	1.27
	OFFICE VISIT - ESTABLISHED	
99211	Office/outpatient visit, established, may not require presence of a physician. Presenting problem(s) are minimal.	1.48
99212	Office/outpatient visit, established, presenting problems are self-limited/minor.	1.39
99213	Office/outpatient visit, established, presenting problems of low to moderate severity.	1.35
99214	Office/outpatient visit, established, presenting problems are of moderate to high severity.	1.32
99215	Office/outpatient visit, established, presenting problems are of moderate to high severity.	1.29
	OBSERVATION CARE DISCHARGE DAY MANAGEMENT	
99217	Observation care discharge day management. Service provided to a patient on discharge from observation status.	1.27
	INITIAL OBSERVATION CARE PER DAY	

99218	Initial observation care per day , problem requiring admission to "observation status" is of low severity.	1.27
99219	Initial observation care per day , problem requiring admission to "observation status" is of moderate severity.	1.24
99220	Initial observation care per day , problem requiring admission to "observation status" is of high severity.	1.23
INITIAL HOSPITAL CARE PER DAY		
99221	Initial hospital care per day , problem(s) requiring admission is of low severity.	1.27
99222	Initial hospital care per day , problem(s) requiring admission is of moderate severity.	1.24
99223	Initial hospital care per day , problem(s) requiring admission is of high severity.	1.23
SUBSEQUENT HOSPITAL CARE PER DAY		
99231	Subsequent hospital care per day , patient is stable/recovering.	1.33
99232	Subsequent hospital care per day , patient is responding inadequately to therapy or has a minor complication.	1.28
99233	Subsequent hospital care per day , patient is unstable or has a significant complication or has a significant new problem.	1.26
OBSERVATION OR INPATIENT HOSPITAL CARE		
99234	Observation or inpatient hospital care including admission and discharge on the same date. Presenting problem(s) requiring admission is of low severity.	1.30
99235	Observation or inpatient hospital care including admission and discharge on the same date. Presenting problem(s) requiring admission is of moderate severity.	1.26
99236	Observation or inpatient hospital care including admission and discharge on the same date. Presenting problem(s) requiring admission is of high severity.	1.24
HOSPITAL DISCHARGE DAY		
99238	Hospital discharge day , < 30 min spent for final hospital discharge of a patient. Includes final examination, discussion, instructions, preparation of records, prescriptions.	1.27
99239	Hospital discharge day , > 30 min spent for final hospital discharge of a patient. Includes final examination, discussion, instructions, preparation of records, prescriptions.	1.25
OFFICE CONSULTATION		
99241	Office consultation , new or established patient, presenting problem(s) self-limited or minor.	1.38
99242	Office consultation , new or established patient, presenting problem(s) of low severity.	1.31
99243	Office consultation , new or established patient, presenting problem(s) of moderate severity.	1.30
99244	Office consultation , new or established patient, presenting problem(s) of moderate to high severity.	1.28
99245	Office consultation , new or established patient, presenting problem(s) of moderate to high severity.	1.27
INPATIENT CONSULT - INITIAL		
99251	Initial inpatient consult , new or established patient, presenting problem(s) is self limited/minor.	1.33
99252	Initial inpatient consult , new or established patient, presenting problem(s) of low severity.	1.26
99253	Initial inpatient consult , new or established patient, presenting problem(s) of moderate severity.	1.25
99254	Initial inpatient consult , new or established patient, presenting problem(s) of moderate to high severity.	1.23
99255	Initial inpatient consult , new or established patient, presenting problem(s) of moderate to high severity.	1.22

	INPATIENT CONSULT - FOLLOW-UP	
99261	Follow-up inpatient consult , established patient, stable/recovering.	1.38
99262	Follow-up inpatient consult , established patient, responding inadequately to therapy or developed a minor complication.	1.30
99263	Follow-up inpatient consult , established patient, unstable or developed a severe complication or a significant new problem.	1.27
	CONFIRMATORY CONSULTATION	
99271	Confirmatory consultation , new or established patient, problem(s) is self-limited/minor.	1.60
99272	Confirmatory consultation , new or established patient, problem(s) of low severity.	1.43
99273	Confirmatory consultation , new or established patient, problem(s) of moderate severity.	1.37
99274	Confirmatory consultation , new or established patient, problem(s) of moderate to high severity.	1.33
99275	Confirmatory consultation , new or established patient, problem(s) of high severity.	1.34
	EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISIT	
99281	Emergency department visit , presenting problem(s) is self-limited/minor.	1.45
99282	Emergency department visit , presenting problem(s) of low to moderate severity.	1.35
99283	Emergency department visit , presenting problem(s) of moderate severity.	1.27
99284	Emergency department visit , presenting problem(s) of high severity and requires urgent evaluation but does not pose an immediate significant threat to life or physiologic function.	1.24
99285	Emergency department visit , presenting problem(s) of high severity and requires urgent evaluation and poses an immediate significant threat to life or physiologic function.	1.23
	CRITICAL CARE EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT	
99291	Critical care evaluation and management of the critically ill or injured patient.	1.29
99292	Critical care evaluation and management of the critically ill or injured patient.	1.34
	NURSING FACILITY CARE - NEW OR ESTABLISHED	
99301	Nursing facility care , new or established patient, stable/recovering or improving.	1.27
99302	Nursing facility care , new or established patient, with a significant complication or problem. Creation of a new medical plan of care is required.	1.25
99303	Nursing facility care , new or established patient, with a significant complication or problem. Creation of a new medical plan of care is required.	1.24
	NURSING FACILITY CARE PER DAY - SUBSEQUENT	
99311	Nursing facility care per day, subsequent , new or established, patient is stable/recovering.	1.34
99312	Nursing facility care per day, subsequent , new or established, patient is responding inadequately to therapy or has developed a minor complication.	1.28
99313	Nursing facility care per day, subsequent , new or established, patient has developed a significant complication or problem.	1.26
	NURSING FACILITY DISCHARGE DAY	
99315	Nursing facility discharge day ; Includes time spent for final discharge including final examination discussion, instructions, preparation of records, prescriptions and referral forms; <30 minutes spent.	1.30

99316	Nursing facility discharge day; Includes time spent for final discharge including final examination discussion, instructions, preparation of records, prescriptions and referral forms; >30 minutes spent.	1.27
	DOMICILIARY OR REST HOME VISIT - NEW PATIENT	
99321	Domiciliary or rest home visit, new patient, presenting problem of low severity.	1.34
99322	Domiciliary or rest home visit, new patient, presenting problem of moderate severity.	1.32
99323	Domiciliary or rest home visit, new patient, presenting problem of high complexity.	1.30
	DOMICILIARY OR REST HOME VISIT - ESTABLISHED	
99331	Domiciliary or rest home visit, established patient, stable/recovering.	1.34
99332	Domiciliary or rest home visit, established patient, responding inadequately to therapy or developed a minor complication.	1.32
99333	Domiciliary or rest home visit, established patient, unstable or has developed a significant complication or a significant new problem.	1.34
	HOME VISIT - NEW PATIENT	
99341	Home visit, new patient, straightforward, problem of low severity.	1.29
99342	Home visit, new patient, problem of moderate severity.	1.28
99343	Home visit, new patient, problem of moderate to high severity.	1.26
99344	Home visit, new patient, problem of high severity.	1.05
99345	Home visit, new patient, problem of high severity. Patient is unstable or has developed a significant new problem requiring immediate physician attention.	1.05
	HOME VISIT - ESTABLISHED	
99347	Home visit, established patient, problem(s) are self-limited or minor.	0.84
99348	Home visit, established patient, problem(s) are of low to moderate severity.	0.83
99349	Home visit, established patient, problem(s) is of moderate to high severity.	0.85
99350	Home visit, established patient, presenting problem(s) are of moderate to high severity. The patient may be unstable or may have developed a significant new problem requiring immediate physician attention.	0.89
	PROLONGED PHYSICIAN SERVICE	
99354	Prolonged physician service, office or outpatient setting requiring direct contact beyond the usual service. 1st hour.	1.31
99355	Prolonged physician service, office or outpatient setting requiring direct contact beyond the usual service. Each additional 30 minutes.	1.30
99356	Prolonged physician service, inpatient setting requiring direct contact beyond the usual service. 1st hour.	1.25
99357	Prolonged physician service, inpatient setting requiring direct contact beyond the usual service. Each additional 30 min.	1.25
	PHYSICIAN STANDBY SERVICES	
99360	Physician standby service, requiring prolonged physician attendance, each 30 minutes.	1.32
	CARE PLAN OVERSIGHT SERVICES	
99375	Home health care supervision, physician supervision of a patient under care of home health agency in home, domiciliary, or equivalent environment.	1.33

99378	Hospice care supervision , physician supervision of a hospice patient requiring complex and multidisciplinary care modalities.	1.33
	PREVENTIVE MEDICINE - INITIAL	
99385	Initial preventive medicine evaluation and management including a comprehensive history examination, counseling/anticipatory guidance/risk factor reduction interventions; new, age 18-39 yrs.	1.61
99386	Initial preventive medicine evaluation and management including a comprehensive history examination, counseling/anticipatory guidance/risk factor reduction interventions; new, age 40-64 yrs.	1.55
99387	Initial preventive medicine evaluation and management including a comprehensive history examination, counseling/anticipatory guidance/risk factor reduction interventions; new, age >65 yrs.	1.55
	PREVENTIVE MEDICINE - PERIODIC REEVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT	
99395	Periodic preventive medicine reevaluation and management including a comprehensive history exam, counseling/anticipatory guidance/risk factor reduction interventions; established patient, age 18-39 yrs.	1.52
99396	Periodic preventive medicine reevaluation and management including a comprehensive history examination, counseling/anticipatory guidance/risk factor reduction interventions; established patient, age 40-64 yrs.	1.51
99397	Periodic preventive medicine reevaluation and management including a comprehensive history examination, counseling/anticipatory guidance/risk factor reduction interventions; established patient, age >65 yrs.	1.51
	PREVENTIVE MEDICINE COUNSELING - INDIVIDUAL	
99401	Preventive medicine counseling and/or risk factor reduction intervention(s) provided to an individual.	1.80
99402	Preventive medicine counseling and/or risk factor reduction intervention(s) provided to an individual.	1.57
99403	Preventive medicine counseling and/or risk factor reduction intervention(s) provided to an individual.	1.50
99404	Preventive medicine counseling and/or risk factor reduction intervention(s) provided to an individual.	1.43
	PREVENTIVE MEDICINE COUNSELING - GROUP	
99411	Preventive medicine counseling and/or risk factor reduction intervention(s) provided to individuals in a group setting.	1.83
99412	Preventive medicine counseling and/or risk factor reduction intervention(s) provided to individuals in a group setting.	1.83